

**Minutes of Barleythorpe Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 28th November 2019
At Rutland Community Hub**

Attendance	<p>Cllr. Christopher Marsland - Chairman Cllr. David Jones Cllr. Malcolm Phillips Cllr. Brian Browne Cllr. David Gordon Cllr. Peter Goodwin Cllr. Susan Percival Cllr. Sarah Clark</p> <p>C.Cllr. Sue Webb</p> <p>Helen Duckering – clerk 13 members of the public</p>	
Apologies		
Item 2019.58	The meeting opened at 7.05pm	Actions
2019.59	<p>To receive declarations of member’s interests and requests for dispensations</p> <p>Cllrs. Jones, Browne, Percival and Gordon declared an interest in Item 6 on the agenda ‘Parks and Open Spaces’, being members of Oakham Heights Management Company Ltd.</p>	
2019.60	<p>To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 26th September 2019</p> <p>Subject to a minor amendment to 2019.47 – 37mph amended to 35mph the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
2019.61	<p>To approve the co-option of a Parish Councillor</p> <p>It was proposed that Sarah Clark be co-opted as a Parish Councillor</p> <p>All in favour</p> <p>Cllr. Clark signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.</p>	
2019.62	<p>Parks and Open Spaces</p> <p>Cllr. Percival gave a short report on possible courses of action that could be taken in relation to the parks and open spaces within the Leighfield Park, Buttercross, Bellway and Charles Church developments. See 2019. 81 below.</p> <p>Following a discussion, it was in agreed that in principle, Barleythorpe Parish Council are in favour of continuing to investigate the possibility of taking ownership of the parks and open spaces and will continue to look at this in more detail.</p>	

2019.63	<p>Public participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An unfinished road and pavement re-instatement in Halters Close was reported. The Chairman agreed to visit and inspect, and pass details to Larkfleet if necessary. • Speed of traffic on Main Road was discussed. It was confirmed that RCC have now finished their review of the traffic calming measures and have concluded that the measures have reduced the average speed along Main Road and no further action is required. • Speed limit between Barleythorpe and Oakham – it was confirmed that the application by Barleythorpe Parish Council to rationalise the speed limit from Burley Park Way to Oakham level crossing, to 30mph, was rejected by RCC as it was not supported by the police. BPC have registered an interest in participating in the Community Speed Watch scheme and have volunteers ready to participate as soon as the scheme is active. 	
2019.64	<p>Adoption of Grievance & Disciplinary Policy It was proposed and agreed that the Grievance & Disciplinary Policy continue to be adopted.</p>	

2019.65	<p>Clerk's report & Correspondence</p> <p>Covered separately in the agenda.</p>	
2019.66	<p>County Councillors report</p> <p>C.Cllr Webb reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus stops at the Oakham end of Main Road do not have shelters. The cost of installing shelters is awaited and BPC may wish to consider funding the installation of these. Alternatively, there may be shelters elsewhere in the county that are not used and could be relocated. • There is insufficient street lighting along Main Road at the bus stops (Kings Centre). A balance between safety and convenience with a rural location needs to be found. • Paths between Manor Lane and Pasture Lane are due to be re-tarmacked. • A neighbourhood Watch Scheme is being set up. Anyone wishing to be involved should contact C. Cllr. Webb. • The placing of more/larger bins is being investigated. 	
2019.67	<p>Parking on Maresfield Road</p> <p>It was confirmed that the matter of parking restrictions on Maresfield Road is currently with Rutland County Council. The Parking Services Manger for RCC will attend a Parish Council meeting in the new year to discuss further.</p>	
2019.68	<p>Road safety improvement at VAR</p> <p>Cllr. Browne detailed a proposal to assist Rutland Community Hub (VAR) with improving access and road crossing to the centre. It was noted that VAR does a lot of important work within the community and the Parish Council is keen to support them. It was agreed that Cllr. Marsland and Cllr. Browne would meet with the CEO of VAR to consult properly on their requirements, and report back. Highways at RCC and Oakham Town Council should also be involved.</p>	

2019.69	<p>To consider holding a Barleythorpe Parish Fete 2020</p> <p>Cllr. Browne outlined a proposal to hold a Parish Fete. It was noted that to be successful large numbers of committed volunteers would be required. The possibility of holding smaller events next year, to develop a community spirit, may be a better approach before a possible fete in 2021. It was agreed that Cllr. Browne and the Parish Development and Special Tasks Group would look into this project and report back.</p>	
2019.70	<p>Logo for Barleythorpe competition</p> <p>Cllr. Browne outlined a proposal to hold an annual competition for children to design a Barleythorpe logo. It was agreed that this was an excellent idea. Cllr. Browne and Cllr. Clarke agreed to consider this project further and report back.</p>	
2019.71	<p>Report on meeting with Larkfleet</p> <p>It was confirmed that the minutes of the latest meeting with Larkfleet homes are available on the Barleythorpe Parish Council website, as are the responses from Larkfleet and Charles Church to queries raised by residents. These are also displayed on the Parish Council's noticeboards.</p> <p>Maresfield Road is due to be finished by Christmas.</p> <p>Lighting on the cycleway from Linear Park to Buttercross – work is due to start on 2nd December with lamps installed by Christmas.</p>	
2019.72	<p>Communications</p> <p>It as agreed that this would be carried forward to January 2020.</p>	
2019.73	<p>To nominate a Parish Councillor to become a trustee of Voluntary Action Rutland</p> <p>It was agreed that further information regarding this role was required and, that at the present time, there was no nominee.</p>	
2019.74	<p>Finance</p> <p>The current financial statement and bank reconciliations were circulated, 2019.79 below, and these were approved.</p>	
2019.75	<p>To approve the precept request for 2010/21</p> <p>It was proposed that the precept request for 2020/21 be set at £17420. See 2019.80 below.</p> <p>All in favour.</p>	
2019.76	<p>Planning</p>	
2019.76.1	<p>It was proposed that Cllr. David Jones be elected as Chairman of the Planning Committee.</p> <p>All in favour</p>	

2019.76.2	<p>It was proposed that Cllr. Malcolm Phillips be elected as a member of the Planning Committee.</p> <p>All in favour</p>	
2019.76.3	<p>Planning Committee Terms of Reference</p> <p>It was agreed that these would be reviewed and updated by Cllr Jones for approval at the January meeting.</p>	
2019.76.4	<p>Planning responses since the last meeting</p> <p>2019/1076/MAF Land at Hawksmead Business Park north of Hackamore Way. New industrial unit with retail sales element -B2/A1use for C&M Tractors. New vehicle showroom for C&M VSS - Sui generis use. 2 new office/property hub buildings for Moores - B1/A2 use.</p> <p>This proposed development is in accord with the Local Plan and it would make good use of an irregularly shaped plot in land reserved for commercial development. The proposal addresses the requirements for sustainable development; economic, social and environmental objectives have been reviewed and addressed. The development will create jobs and bring in additional income to the Parish. We recommend approval of the application with only minor observations.</p> <p>2019/1018/FUL Land to the rear of 1 Main Road Proposed 1 no. new dwelling</p> <p>This is a comprehensive application that in general covers the requirements for sustainable development. Social and environmental issues have been considered to a satisfactory level. The dwelling has wooden cladding over the upper storey. Although this is not in keeping with the immediately surrounding houses, the Buttercross development employs a variety of finishing styles and as the dwelling is set well back from the road and current building line, we did not see this as an issue. The following points are noted, however: 1. An objection has been raised by the owner of 5 Main Road citing loss of privacy and light. At the time of writing no similar objection has been received from the owner(s) of Number 3. The north-facing wall of the dwelling will not have windows although there are glass surfaces for the entrance hall on the ground floor, and for the “open void” on the first floor. These should not compromise privacy, as these areas will not normally be occupied. Without further understanding of the layout of the gardens, and relative heights and distances, we cannot comment on the loss of light to number 5’s garden. This is more likely to be an issue for number 3. 2. The intended access road appears somewhat restricted in width. It will share the frontage for 1 Main Road with, as far as we could tell, no clear boundary. A previous boundary wall has already been removed and the entrance opened out. We must assume RCC Highways is satisfied with this layout, subject to their conditions. Subject to a review of the objection from 5 Main Road as to loss of light, we no objections to this development.</p>	
2019.76.5	<p>Planning decisions received since the last meeting</p> <p>2019/0772/ADV The Kings Centre, Main Road. 1 no. Free standing entrance sign to display names of businesses operating at site. Granted 02/09/19</p> <p>2019/0810/FUL Westward, Cold Overton Road.</p>	

2019.76.6	<p>Change of use from agricultural land to B2 - Storage and distribution for lawful use of builders compound used by David Cox Building Contractors Ltd. Granted 25/09/19</p> <p>To consider planning application 2019/1180/OUT. Hawksmead Area 11 site, Lands End Way. Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved apart from access for the construction of up to 128 starter (affordable) homes.</p> <p>The application argues in favour of using land reserved for industrial or commercial use to build Starter Homes as an "exception site". This attempts to exploit legislation that has not been fully enacted.</p> <p>The proposed site is currently designated for "Part B" use: B1 Business; or B2 General Industrial; or B3 Storage or Distribution.</p> <p>The development would be likely to create conflict between domestic and (proposed) commercial use of land.</p> <p>The increase in Parish population would add further strain to the educational, and health and welfare infrastructure.</p> <p>Barleythorpe Parish Council does not object to the building of affordable housing within the Parish, but cannot support this application as it stands because of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The close proximity to proposed commercial development; and 2) The failure to expand primary education and medical facilities to support the increase in population. 	
2019.77	<p>To receive report from Environment Working Group</p> <p>Cllr. Gordon reported that work is being undertaken to upgrade existing bins and identify locations for new ones. A proposal to place up to 9 new benches in locations around Barleythorpe is being drawn up and will be presented at a later date. A report on the feasibility of hedging the play area on Maresfield Road is also being considered, bearing in mind that the Parish Council does not own the land.</p> <p>A report from RCC regarding potential pollution in the pond and the condition of the trees in the parks and open spaces is still awaited and will be required to ensure that any necessary work is not at the expense of homeowners.</p>	
2019.78	<p>To receive report from the Parish Development and Special Tasks Working Group</p> <p>Nothing to report at this meeting.</p>	
2019.78.1	<p>Cllr David Jones stood down from the PDSTWG.</p>	
2019.78.2	<p>It was proposed that Cllr. Sarah Clark be elected as a member of the PDSTWG.</p> <p>All in favour</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.45pm</p> <p>Next meeting Thursday 30th January 2020</p>	

Precept request 2020/21

2020/21 (proposed)

Clerk's salary	9400
Clerk's expenses	600
NI	70
Street lighting	20
Insurance	500
Room hire	250
Sundries (stationery, printing, photocopying etc.)	200
Subscriptions (LRALC)	400
Website	350
General budget - community development	5000
Audit	350
Training	280
Election	0
Total	
Precept request	17420

2019.80

BARLEYTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL.

DOES THE COUNCIL, IN PRINCIPLE, WANT TO OWN LAND?

The land in question today is the Parks and Open Spaces on the Leighfield/ Buttercross developments, but there could be further parcels of land in the future, so its a matter of principle tonight.

Current Plan.

Developers to pass land to a Management Company, run by Managing Agents, with opportunity for residents to get involved, and eventually, possibly, take over control.

Positives.

Land to be professionally managed.

Deed of Covenant signed by owners on purchase, enforced.

Unpaid bills/debts would be collected by the Agents. (On the present level of £195 per dwelling they would make a substantial profit.)

Negatives.

No control of costs after 5 years.

Costs could increase substantially adversely affecting owners ability to sell.

Owners only interested in their needs, not the needs of the wider parish, which, nevertheless, would have access.

Alternatives.

Rutland County Council WILL NOT adopt this land.

The land could be handed to the Parish Council, and Rutland County Council are prepared to help IF that is Council's decision.

Positives.

Safeguarding of the interests of ALL the parishioners.

Potentially tighter control of both the land and the costs of maintenance.

Negatives.

The land would still need to be managed, but there are various models to do this. **NOT FOR DISCUSSION TONIGHT.**

The costs would be added to the parish part of the Council Tax, so would be paid by ALL residents in the parish (but all of whom can enjoy the land and its facilities).

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Other Councils own land successfully, so its not unusual. Do we want to?

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